

MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, July 29, 1993

Attending:

G. Cailliet, Moss Landing Marine Lab
A. DeVogelaere, Elkhorn Slough NERR
L. Ehret, Naval Post Graduate School
H. Golde, NOAA, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division
G. Greene, US Geological Survey
C. Harrold, Monterey Bay Aquarium
J. Harvey, Moss Landing Marine Lab
T. Jackson, Monterey Bay NMS
D. Johnson, California Dept. of Fish and Game
E. Moore, NOAA, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division
B. Robison, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute
J. Rote, Assembly Office of Research
W. Schramm, NOAA, Center for Ocean Analysis and Prediction
F. Schwing, NOAA, Pacific Fisheries Environmental Group
R. Starr, California Sea Grant
M. Stevenson, Marine Pollution Studies Lab (CDF&G)
M. Yoklavich, NOAA, Pacific Fisheries Environmental Group

Terry Jackson opened the meeting and made several announcements.

Elizabeth Moore, SRD, was introduced as the new Monterey Bay point of contact in SRD headquarters now that Ralph Lopez has been detailed to another office in NOAA.

SRD is developing an overall strategic plan for the Sanctuary Program. Scientific research will be one of the components of the plan. Copies of the draft research strategic plan will be sent members of this group for review and comment, if interested.

At the request of Gary Sharp, who could not attend the meeting, information was distributed announcing a session at the fall AGU meeting focusing on Central California Ecological Subsystems Characterizations.

I have asked Jim Harvey, Moss Landing Marine Lab, to replace Doug DeMaster, National Marine Mammal Lab, on the RAC to represent marine mammal interests in the Sanctuary. Jim has accepted the invitation and was approved by the members present.

Gerry Gault, NOAA HAZMAT, will be making a presentation on Wednesday, September 8, on the oil spill trajectory model used by HAZMAT to predict the movement of oil spills.

This group is invited to hear the presentation and provide comments on what local information might be available to incorporate into the model to make it more accurate. The location of the presentation will be announced at a later date.

SRD has decided to suspend the Site Characterization project for Monterey Bay until FY94.

A new RFP will be issued for consideration in the new fiscal year. The present plan is to use the funds available this year to support the concept of Integrated Coastal Management (ICM). This announcement generated numerous comments and suggestions, such as:

"what is ICM?" and "will SRD provide comments and recommendations on the proposal that was submitted in response to the RFP but not funded this year?".

In response, information on ICM is enclosed for the groups perusal. SRD representatives at the meeting agreed to provide comments and suggestions to the authors on the proposal.

Chris Harrold announced that he would be unable to coordinate this year's "Monterey Bay Research Symposium" and asked for a volunteer or volunteers to take over this responsibility.

After some discussion a committee of volunteers consisting of A. DeVogelaere, R. Starr, T. Jackson, J. Rote, L. Ehret, D. Powers, and S. Webster agreed to take over Chris' responsibility and coordinate the next symposium, either in November or at a later date. Andrew and Rick agreed to take the lead and organize the next meeting of this new committee.

The remainder of the morning was spent reviewing the Draft Research Plan. At the end of the meeting we decided that comments incorporated into this draft would be final and that there would not be another meeting to review the document. A follow-up meeting was not scheduled as there is no pressing business at this time. I will try to schedule our next meeting in late September or early October and will distribute a notice and agenda to that effect soon. The meeting adjured at about noon.

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